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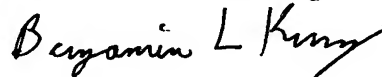
Claims 1-31 were pending after entry of the August 12, 2005 Amendment and Response. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 9, 14, 19, 22, and 27 are amended and claim 31 is canceled.

The August 12, 2005 Amendment and Response was fully responsive to the pending Office Action. The present Supplemental Amendment corrects various typographical errors and converts the term "whereby" into "wherein." Claim 1 is further amended to recite that "the force limiting coupling structure limits a resultant force being applied to the workpiece holder by the closer to move the segments toward the gripping position to the spring force of the biasing structure." Applicant submits that the present application, including claims 1-30, is in condition for allowance, an early notice of which is earnestly solicited.

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